ment has been strengthened and stricter supervision and control are being enforced.

Interim Report of the Ninth Finance Commission

178. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the interim report of the Ninth Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The first Report of the Ninth Finance Commission covering the year 1989-90 was received on 29th July, 1988 and this was placed on the Table of the House along with Explanatory Memorandum on the Action taken on the recommendations of the Commission on 2nd September, 1988.

Clearance of Bakreshwar Thermal Project in West Bengal

179. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since cleared the Bakreshwar Thermal Project in West Bengal from environmental angle; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Thermal Power Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests visited the site from 23rd to 25th June, 1988. Some essential details like availability of ground water, pollution control measures, etc. have been sought from the West Bengal State Electricity Board.

Clearance of Haldia Petrochemical Project

180. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have finally cleared the Haldia Petrochemical Project in West Bengal;

(b) whether the I.D.B.I. has been asked to prepare the financing pattern for an investment of Rs. 850 crores;

(c) whether the original project report has since been modified; and

(d) if so, what are the details of modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that financial institutions have not so far cleared the project of M/s. Haldia Petrochemicals Limited. IDBI has also not received any revised projections relating to the project from the company.

Sarkaria Commission Recommendations

181. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since completed the examination of the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, whether Government have finally decided to take follow-up action thereon; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Comments of several State Governments are awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution caused by public sector industrial units in Orissa

182. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some public sector industrial units in Orissa are causing environmental pollution;

(b) whether Orissa Government has approached the Central Government for adopting protective measures; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Orissa Government have indicated that their State Pollution Control Board has directed these undertakings to install necessary Pollution Control devices within a time frame.

(c) Does not arise.

Atrocities against women

183. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrocities against women are on the increase in the country, particularly in big cities;

(b) whether Government have established any complaint cells in certain places in the country;

(c) if so, what are the names of the cities where such cells have been established;

(d) what was the number of complaints registered in these cells during the year 1987 alongwith the nature of complaints; and

(e) what steps ore being taken by Government to check atrocities against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including atrocities on women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for them to set up complaint cells according to their requirements. Statistics regarding number of complaints registered are not compiled by the Central agencies. However, a statement showing the number of cases reported as crime against women in 12 metropolitan cities during the yars 1985 to 1987 is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 5].

(e) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 have also been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty of married women.